

Audiology Service Policy Change
Effective: 10/01/05

- BTE Ear Molds:
 - BTE Ear Molds are not included in the \$900 hearing aid cap.
 - Initial BTE ear molds may be billed using V5264.
 - Replacement BTE ear molds may be billed using V5014 and V5264.

Service Description	Appropriate Billing Code(s) for Service	Payable for BTE aids?	Payable for ITE, ITC, and CIC aids?
Initial BTE Ear Mold	V5264 only	Yes	No
Replacement BTE Ear Mold	V5014 billed with V5264	Yes	No

- CIC Hearing Aids:
 - Audiologists and fitters/dispensers may determine whether injured workers should receive CIC hearing aids. A written, professional opinion must be submitted to the claim managers for inclusion into the claimant's file.
- Repairs:
 - Audiologists and fitters/dispensers may be paid for providing authorized in-office repairs. Authorized in-office repairs must be billed using V5014 and V5267.
 - For authorization of in-office repairs or repairs by the manufacturer, or an all-make repair company, providers must submit a written estimate of the repair cost to the Provider Hotline or claim manager.

Service Description	Appropriate Billing Code(s) for Service	Payable for BTE aids?	Payable for ITE, ITC, and CIC aids?
In-House Repair	V5014 billed with V5267	Yes	Yes
Manufacturer Repair	V5014 billed with 5093V	Yes	Yes

- Replacements:
 - If only one of binaural analog hearing aids is irreparable and if, in the professional's opinion both hearing aids need to be replaced, submit logical rationale for the claim manager's consideration.
 - Documentation that a hearing aid is irreparable may be submitted by the audiologist, fitter/dispenser, manufacturer, or all-make repair company.